

## **Principal Linc     February 5, 2010**

### **School Council**

We are trying to look at ways to improve the layout of the playground, its surface and the equipment. If you know anyone who has any expertise in this area, send them our way. We need help generating ideas, creating a proposal and estimating costs. We will work with Jay Gill from DPW and Bill McAlduff to create a proposal that can be brought to capital planning.

In conjunction with the LSPA, we hope to send out a parent and staff satisfaction survey by the end of the year.

### **Anti-bullying and School Safety**

Given all the state's work on anti-bully education and the recent news events, the IMT's at each school have been asked to review their schools' efforts regarding bully prevention programs. At Lincoln, we have asked the staff to make sure the older students understand the definition of bullying as purposeful and repeated mistreatment of others. We have also emphasized the utilization of the Open Circle lessons/strategies at all levels. The IMT feels that the Open Circle format is still our preferred method of addressing bullying as it is proactive and empowering. We also agreed that although most of the playground incidents at Lincoln do not reflect actual bullying, we want the students to think about the impact their behavior has on others and have the tools to resolve typical peer issues.

### **Important Message Regarding Seasonal Flu Booster Vaccine from our School Nurse**

There will be a seasonal booster flu vaccine on Wed February 10, 2010.

The children who are on the list to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose are on it because their parents chose this option on the original permission form as the child met criteria for needing it this year. A 2<sup>nd</sup> dose will not be necessary in future years.

The criteria is: children younger than 9 years of age getting the influenza vaccine for the first time, or who got the influenza vaccine for the first time last season and only got one dose. If your child has received their 2<sup>nd</sup> booster dose of seasonal vaccine since getting the 1<sup>st</sup> dose at the school clinic, or if you wish to remove your child for any reason, please email or call the BOH to communicate this. [jbyford@winchester.us](mailto:jbyford@winchester.us) 781-721-7121.

**Thank you, Lynn Vozzella R.N.**

### **Hats for Haiti**

A total of \$3959.70 was sent to the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund from the Lincoln Community. Your response was amazing. Pascal and Juliet were so touched by your generosity. Thank you.

### **Important Dates**

School Vacation Week- February 15-19

Winter Concert - March 3 at 7:00 p.m. - more details to follow

Progress reports -March 5

Parent Conferences -March 10, 11 and 12 -Conference slips sent home 2/24, due back 3/2.

March 25 -Early Release Day